

REMARKS**I. Introduction**

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claims 9 to 16, claims 17 to 28 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

A regards the double patenting rejection, without necessarily agreeing with the merits of this rejection, to facilitate matters a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith, which is believed to obviate the present rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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